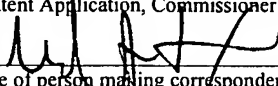


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Prior to the first Office Action and before examination, please amend the application being filed concurrently herewith as follows: